List

Cases and Malpractices in the NCCF referred to the C.B.I. for Investigations

S. No.	Particulars of the case
*1	Irregularities with regard to the purchase and supply of pulses to FCI.
2	633 bales of controlled cloth despatched by the NCCF-lost in transit.
3	Unspecified quantity of controlled cloth despatched to a society at Khilchipur (MP) was diverted to Farrukhabbad (UP) for reprocessing.
4	Serious allegations, including misuse of controlled cloth, Janata cloth etc., against Chief Marketing Adviser, NCCF.
5	Irregularities in the supply of non-controlled cloth by the NCCF Branch, Calcutta, to Adarsh Bazar Cooperative Society, Patna.
6	Serious irregularties and corruption charges against 3 Regional Managers of the NCCF.
7	Misapprop riation of 1576 bales of controlled cloth meant for Sikkim.
8	Serious irregularities in the disposal of 35,000 empty gunnies by one Dy. Manager and two Assistant Managers of the NCCF.
9	Alleged irregularities in the import and disposal of 3000 metric tonnes of dry dates.

*The report received from the C.B.I. is under examination.

Loss to NCCF in sale of imported Chick peas

2205. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCCF suffered a loss of Rs. 50 lakhs in 1985 in the sale of about 2000 M. Tonnes of chick peas to a private party through its one ex-employee at a much lower rate than prevailing market rate and also gifted away large amount of sweepings;

(b) whether certain officers illegally took out 888 bags of Chick peas in lots from Portyard vide BPT Gate Pass No. 2743, dated the 2nd March, 1984 and sold to another party in Bombay without any payment to the NCCF, showing these stocks as shortages in the import;

(c) whether Bank Guarantee of Rs. 2.87 lakhs were released in connivance of certain officers of the NCCF to Taj Consumer Cooperative Society, Bombay even before they fulfilled contractual obligation in lifting of Chick peas stocks; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action Government propose to take against the officer involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) It has been reported by the National Cooperative Consumers Federation that it suffered a loss of Rs. 10.49 lakhs in the sale of imported chick-peas. The stock was imported on the basis of an indent given by the Taj Consumer Cooperative Society, Bombay, who after lifting a small quantity failed to lift the balance. The balance stock was sold by the NCCF to private firm @ Rs. 5300 perMT which was considered the best available rate at that time. This firm was also given 460 bags of sweepings free of cost.

(b) NCCF has informed that it has no information regarding the illegal taking out of 888 bags of chick peas from the portyard. However, the

surveyor of the Insurance Co. noted a shortage of about 43 MT of chick-peas at the time of the arrival of the stock.

(c) The original indentor M/s Taj Consumers Cooperative Society furnished a Bank Guarantee of Rs. 6.34 lakhs being 5 per cent the value of the goods and after lifting of certain stock, the guarantee was revalidated for Rs. 4.25 lakhs on the basis of the 5 per cent value of the remaining stock. When the society failed to lift the stock, the bank was asked to forfeit the guarantee, but it could realise only Rs. 43,500|- from the bank and NCCF is pursuing the matter with the bank for recovery of the remaining amount.

(d) The entire business of import and sale of chick peas was enquired into by the Addl. Managing Director-cum-Chief Consultant of the NCCF who held that the then Manager (Imports & Exports), Chief Controller of Accounts & Finance, Addl. Managing Director and Managing Director were individually and collectively responsible for the various irregularities and lapses in the deal. The services of the Manager (Import & Exports) were terminated and the services of the other three officers who were on deputation, repatriated to their parent offices. The parent offices have been asked by the NCCF to initiate appropriate action against these officers.

Loss to NCCF in construction of show-room-cum-warehouse at Okhla

2206. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NCCF had recently suffered a loss of Rs. 30 lakhs on the construction of a show-room-cum-warehouse at Okhla which had started on a fake feasibility report without any approval of the Board of the NCCF or arrangements of funds and where the Contractor was advanced an amount of Rs. 7.78 lakhs as mobilisation advance which was not provided in the tender;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no tenders were advertised in any newspaper and the work was awarded in connivance of the architect and certain officers merely on 'Pre-qualification Tender' basis;

(c) whether this project being totally unviable was abandoned after investing Rs. 30 lakhs; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action Government propose to take against the officers involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) National Cooperative Consumers Federation has reported that an industrial committee constituted by the Board of Directors of the NCCF approved the proposal for the construction of the showroom-cum-warehouse at Okhla at an estimated cost of Rs. 78.40 lakhs. The feasibility report of the project was prepared by a firm of Chartered Accountants and on the basis of the lowest tender, the construction work was awarded to a Contractor. On the demand of the Contractor, a mobilisation advance of Rs. 7.76 lakhs was paid to him by the NCCF against a Bank Guarantee of Rs. 7.80 lakhs.

(c) According to the feasibility report of the Chartered Accountant firm, the project was considered to be profitable yielding a fixed income after meeting the overheads. NCCF has so far invested an amount of Rs. 32 lakhs in the construction of the project, which has, however, not been completed due to financial constraints. NCCF has reported that the proposal for the completion of the project, by mobilising required funds from different sources, is under consideration.

(d) The services of the concerned officer, who was in-charge of this project, have been terminated for his negligence in the execution of this project.